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GUNNING FOR CHANGE

New legislation. Since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, lawmakers in three of the Northeast's largest cities have taken on gun laws — a debate that was reignited after last week's Navy Yard shooting. **Second Amendment.** Gun advocates say changes can be made without taking away people's rights.

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In the second part of a five-day series, Metro examines the epidemic of gun violence in New York City, Boston and Philadelphia. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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City officials to address casino proposals today

On the record. The state Gaming Control Board will listen to the city's review of the six casino proposals.

Today at 6 a.m., the city will make its feelings known.

City officials will offer opinions to members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board on the six proposals submitted for the open casino license.

The board will consider the city's reviews when it makes the final decision, which could come before the end of the year.

The meeting, which is public, will be held in room 108B from 6 a.m. to noon at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Three of the planned locations are for the South Philadelphia Sports Complex. Two are in Center City and one is in Fishtown.

Talking points will include the casino's possible impact on transportation, infrastructure and revenue production, among others.

"I think it's important also to hear in particular how the city feels a second casino would fit, and how and what that impact is going to be to the city, both positive and negative," said Doug Harbach, board spokesman.

The suitability hearing, in which all six applicants appear before the board, will be the next step. Dates have yet to be announced.

The bids

The three projects proposed for the South Philadelphia Sports Complex include:

- Casino Revolution: Joseph Procacci/PHL Local Gaming.
- Hollywood Casino: Penn National Gaming.
- Live! Hotel & Casino: Greenwood Racing (Parx) and Cordish Companies (Xfinity Live!).
- Wynn Philadelphia: Steve Wynn wants to develop the Fishtown waterfront.
- Provence: Bart Blatstein wants to develop the old Philadelphia Inquirer building at 400 North Broad Street.
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This horse takes his bath with real equine-imity

A horse gets a hose-down in an alleyway near Callowhill and 13th streets in Philadelphia yesterday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Shocking

Man, 45, killed on West Oak Lane playground

Police said a 45-year-old man was killed outside of a West Oak Lane recreation center.

An unidentified gunman opened fire on the man who was at a playground on Smedley Street and Chelten Avenue.

The man was shot in the right shoulder and the back.

He was taken to Einstein Hospital where he later died.

No arrests have been made and no other information is available. The investigation is ongoing.

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Busted

Queen Village duo caught turning tricks

Henne / PPD

A 19-year-old woman and a 38-year-old man were arrested Saturday for running an alleged prostitution operation, police said.

Ashley Henne, of the 2600 block of Orthodox Street, and Patrick Brown, of the 1000 block of South Randolph Street, were charged with solicitation to commit prostitution, promoting prostitution and criminal conspiracy.

Investigators set their sights on the South Randolph Street home after researching back-page ads on prostitution-related activity in local newspapers.

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Chased. Couple tries to evade capture from police in two states

Erwin Boyd, 40, and Tikeena Isreal, 41, were charged after the duo led police on a chase from Camden to Philly Sunday morning.

When Camden County police tried to pull over Boyd, of Jersey City, and Isreal, of N. 18th St., the duo sped off across the Ben Franklin Bridge, zigzagged on and off Interstate 676 and were finally caught on Interstate 76 West when Israel made a U-turn into oncoming traffic and sped toward the City Line exit. A trooper trapped the car on the on-ramp. METRO

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To that end, tonight's roster of speakers include Det Ansinn of BrickSimple, one of the leading creators of Google Glass apps, Stephan Jacob of Kembrel, which evolved from an e-commerce clothing site into a brick-and-mortar boutique, and Andy O'Dell of mobile shopping app Clutch.

"We also wanted to focus on the mobile shopping aspect, because that's definitely becoming larger and larger as iPhones and Androids are becoming part of our everyday lives," Lewis said.

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Fall sunshine on the studying mind

A University of Pennsylvania student eats on his way to class on Locust Walk yesterday during a gorgeous day in Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Cherry Hill

Threat leads high school to dismiss early

Cherry Hill High School East officials dismissed classes 15 minutes early yesterday after a threatening message was found scrawled on a bathroom wall at the South Jersey school.

The nature of the message, which also led to the cancellation of after-school activities, has not yet been revealed.

"Police were notified and are on the scene investigating," according to a statement on the school's website. "We will update you when the investigation is concluded." METRO

Homicide

Man shot to death

A shooting Sunday in North Philadelphia claimed the life of Nathaniel Holden, 21. Police said he was around 10:15 p.m. shot in the chest and back on the 1500 block of North Marshall Street. METRO

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Graduation. Penn Vet Working Dog Center celebrates one year

Socks may have already been promoted to explosive detection school, but today she'll graduate in a special ceremony from Penn Vet Working Dog Center.

"Socks is such a rock star," said Cindy Otto, the center's executive director, about the Labrador retriever.

Otto and other staffers and volunteers have been working for the last year training more than a dozen dogs to sniff out bombs, explosive devices and even cancer. The center, funded entirely through donations, just reached its one-year anniversary.

Socks and the other canines are learning "foundation work," Otto said. "Searching is what they live for."

Using special training techniques, the dogs will eventually move on to fire or police departments, or search and rescue efforts.

In the future

The center has already done more than thought possible, Otto said.

- "I think we've got a lot of opportunities not only raising the dogs but to be an education resource for other dog handlers," Otto said.

"It's so natural for them," Otto said. "We have been really excited by watching these dogs."

Socks will be joined today by her partner, Officer Julie Wesley of Penn Police. She and the other working dogs will do live search demonstrations.

"To know these dogs are going to save people's lives is amazing," Otto said. "They are going to make a difference all over the place."

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

City students GEAR UP for college

Justin Colon, mentor coordinator at I-LEAD Charter in Reading, Pa., spoke to Philadelphia high school students yesterday about options for financing a college education at the opening of GEAR UP Week at the Philadelphia School District headquarters. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Brutal

Body found in cemetery

A 32-year-old Hispanic male was found shortly before 7 a.m. inside the Greenmount Cemetery, located at 4301 N. Front St. in Feltonville.

He had been shot once in the back of the head and once in the left side. Medics pronounced the victim dead on the scene. METRO

Crime

Two shot in West Philly

A 30-year-old man was shot multiple times and a 62-year-old woman was shot once in the left thigh early Sunday night in West Philadelphia, police said.

The shooting occurred at about 9:12 p.m. on the 6200 block of Walton Avenue.

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Poll on government shutdown spells trouble for Republicans

House Republicans say they also are looking at some tax provisions to possibly add onto the debt limit bill. / GETTY IMAGES

Clash. The GOP are divided over the anti-Obamacare tactic being pursued by the House.

As Republican lawmakers pushed ahead yesterday with a campaign to scuttle President Barack Obama's healthcare program, a survey suggested that they risk a public backlash should their efforts lead to a government shutdown or a default.

The CNBC poll reported that by a 59-19 percent margin, respondents opposed linking defunding of "Obamacare" to a possible shutdown starting on Oct. 1, or to a failure to raise the government's borrowing authority, meaning Washington may not be able to pay all of its bills by sometime in October or early November.

Eighteen percent were undecided, according to nationwide poll of 800 people conducted by Hart-McInturff. It had a margin of error of 3.4 percentage points.

On Friday, Republicans in the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a measure that would make continued funding of the government contingent on defunding Obamacare. The bill passed on a mostly partisan vote of 230-189.

They plan a similar strategy when they take up a measure to raise the debt ceiling, which if defeated could lead to a government default.

The Democratic-controlled Senate was scheduled take up the House spending bill late yesterday. Democrats expect to send it back to the House by Sunday with the Obamacare provision stripped out, according to a Senate Democratic aide. REUTERS

Battle

The timetable guarantees a down-to-the wire battle through next weekend, with little time for the House to respond to the Senate action.

Ariel Castro

Son of kidnapper describes horror he felt at crimes

The son of Cleveland kidnapper Ariel Castro has described in detail for the first time the horror that overwhelmed him after his father's crimes were revealed to the world.

"I'm still shell-shocked from the way these past several months unfolded," Ariel Anthony Castro wrote in an essay published late on Saturday in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Instantly, my father became one of the most hated men alive," he wrote. REUTERS

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Sales of new iPhones soar, Apple polishes forecast

Popular. Demand for the iPhone 5s has exceeded initial supply.

Two men display four new iPhone 5s outside the Apple store at the Americana at Brand shopping complex in Glendale, Calif. / GETTY IMAGES

Apple Inc. sold nine million new iPhones in an opening weekend for the product that included China for the first time, almost doubling sales from the last iPhone launch, and the company issued a more optimistic financial forecast.

Apple shares jumped more than 4.6 percent after the company said revenue in the fiscal fourth quarter would gravitate toward the high end of its previous forecast for $34 billion to $37 billion.

Apple, which began selling the top-tier iPhone 5s and cheaper, multi-hued iPhone 5c on Sept. 20, rarely adjusts its outlook in the middle of a quarter. Since CEO Tim Cook took the reins, the world's largest tech company has begun to court Wall Street more visibly.

"The critics have told you Apple lost its magic," said Daniel Ernst, an analyst with Hudson Square Research. "Customers are telling you something very different. Clearly, people like the product. That sentiment is almost more important than the number."

Sales of the new models were nearly double those of the iPhone 5's five million in the first weekend after its launch a year ago, and far surpassed the roughly six million that analysts had projected.

The record unit sales reinforced expectations of strong demand for Apple's latest gadgets. Critics had said the iPhone 5c was priced too high to take advantage of pent-up demand in emerging markets. REUTERS

More powerful

Microsoft revamps tablets to challenge Apple

Microsoft Corp. unveiled faster, more powerful versions of its Surface tablet computer yesterday in an effort to boost poor sales of its flagship hardware product and mount a stronger challenge to Apple Inc.'s iPad.

The Surface is key to Microsoft's plan to reinvent itself as a devices and services company, but the revamp comes less than a year after it brought out its own computers for the first time and failed to put a dent in the market. It has racked up only $853 million in sales while generating a $900 million charge for unsold inventory.

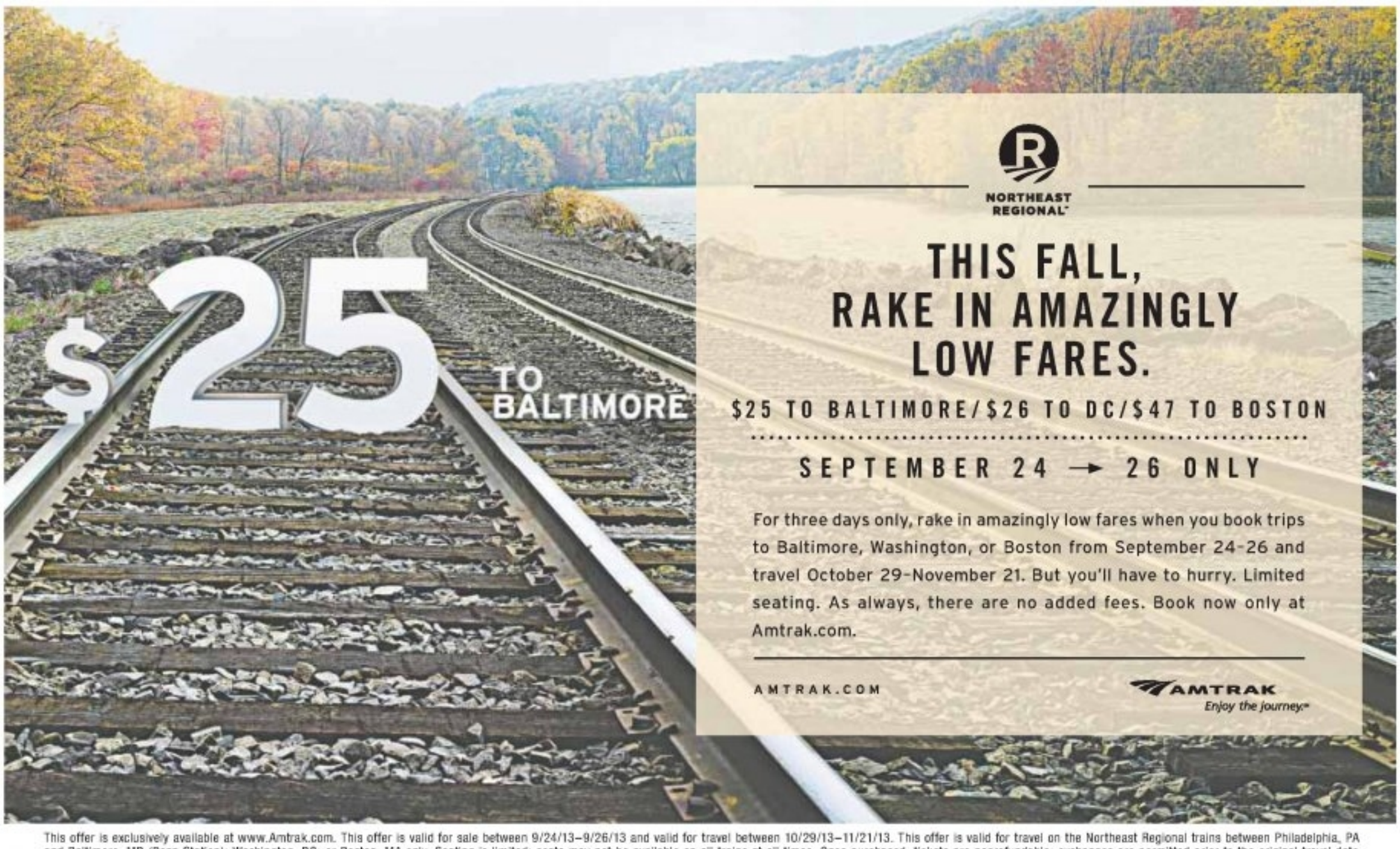
The Surface 2 starts at $449 for the 32 GB version, not including a snap-on keyboard starting at $120. REUTERS

May go private

Fairfax sets floor for BlackBerry with $4.7B offer

Struggling BlackBerry yesterday signed a tentative deal to be acquired by a consortium led by its biggest shareholder, setting a $4.7 billion floor in the auction of the Canadian company that invented on-the-go email.

The consortium is led by Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., a property and casualty insurer run by investor Prem Watsa. It has offered $9 a share in cash for BlackBerry, which last week said it expected to report a quarterly loss of nearly $1 billion.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Boston legislators, residents combat city's gun epidemic

Making changes. From new laws to ad campaigns in troubled neighborhoods, Boston is finding new ways to fight an old problem.

Elizabeth Warren addresses a group at a 25-state national bus tour sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

As gun violence continues to tear families apart throughout the Boston area, residents and politicians are uniting to fight the epidemic that has seen a drastic upsurge in the last year.

According to statistics provided by the Boston Police Department, between Jan. 1 and Aug. 26, there were 25 homicides with firearms in the city of Boston, along with 160 non-fatal shootings. These numbers demonstrate an increase from 2012's statistics during the same time period, which showed 21 homicides with a firearm alongside 164 non-fatal shootings.

In recent weeks, the city has frequently convened to address the issue. At a Sept. 13 legislative hearing, Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley spoke of targeting violence from the angle of those who sell firearms, rather than focusing on just those who carry them illegally. In "An Act to Combat Gun Violence," Conley proposed 26 different changes to state law, including a 2.5-year minimum sentence for unlawfully selling a firearm and forbidding felons from employment with licensed firearms dealers.

"We in Massachusetts have to redouble our own efforts and do the work that Washington refused to do," said Conley.

Those efforts include several campaigns, like No More Names: National Drive to Reduce Gun Violence, a 25-state national bus tour sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, co-founded by Mayor Thomas Menino. Urging leaders to support stronger background checks for gun buyers, the tour landed in Faneuil Hall in late August and featured speeches by Menino and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. Also present were those whose lives have been tragically affected by gun violence.

Pastor Kim Odom, who lost her 13-year-old son Steven to gun violence in 2007, expressed her mission to the crowd: "Where did the gun come from that took my child's life? Where are the guns coming from that are taking the lives of our loved ones?"

Another campaign seeks to mobilize the struggling Mattapan community from the inside out. Just a little more than two weeks ago, the city unveiled a grant-funded campaign in Mattapan that features 12 residents affected by gun violence.

The Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence formed in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings in December 2012.

An umbrella group of more than 30 anti-gun organizations, the group has had a strong presence at recent rallies and legislative meetings.

The coalition advocates background checks for gun purchases at all levels, including private sales.

And while they may not know now to specifically attack the problem, leaders in the city's government are at the point where they recognize the problem must be addressed.

"The opposite of violence isn't peace; it's opportunity," said City Councilor Mike Ross recently at an event in Dorchester. "I don't believe that any one of us has all the answers, but that all of us, together, do."

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Searching for meaning

"I have vowed that his life does not end on the sidewalk, and his death will not be in vain." Pastor Kim Odom

Gun culture

Following the trail of our bloody streets

Boston, Philadelphia and New York City are three very different cities with a common problem. Gun violence has destroyed the lives of countless individuals and families on our streets and wrought devastation across vibrant neighborhoods, searing itself into their fabric.

Today continues the week-long series in which Metro examines the impact gun violence has had on those cities as well as our country in the aftermath of the recent massacres at the Washington Navy Yard, Sandy Hook Elementary and Aurora, Colo. We will look at what each city is doing to change the deadly culture that, on a daily basis, leaves its bloody imprint on our communities. **THE EDITORS**

Second wind

Universal background checks bill at a standstill in Pennsylvania

Weapons are for sale at the Philadelphia Archery & Gun Club. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Pennsylvania House Bill 1010 would close a loophole, mandating background checks for the purchase of long guns, not just handguns.

But Harrisburg has done nothing since the bill's introduction in March, said Shira Goodman of the gun control advocacy group CeaseFirePA.

"They are not moving any laws related to guns," Goodman said of the Legislature. The bill has stalled, even after testimony from the families of victims of Newtown and Pennsylvania State Police earlier this year.

Arguments from the National Rifle Association, gun store owners and other groups have said that long guns are rarely used to kill people.

"That's not a good argument to us," Goodman said.

Even though Goodman admits Pennsylvania is a difficult state for passing better gun control laws due to "a long tradition of being a strong NRA state," she said things have been shifting: HB 1010 is gaining bipartisan support.

If the bill is enacted when the House reconvenes for the year, Pennsylvania could become the seventh state to require universal background checks. Goodman said the city of Philadelphia is helping lead the fight.

"Something has to happen," she said.

"I don't know what it will take to wake up our legislators. Some of them get it. But their own colleague Gabby Giffords is getting shot. It has to be the force of the public showing that we're willing to make ourselves heard in their offices, on the phone and, eventually, at the polls."

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A group of female gun owners in New York show their feelings at a pro-gun rally in Albany that took place in February 2013. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Gun advocates protest the SAFE Act

Big change. New York gun owners feel threatened after the passage of strict new laws.

Two Colorado lawmakers were recalled from their state Senate in early September for supporting stricter gun control legislation in the Rocky Mountain state. The lawmakers who replaced them are already talking about overturning the new gun laws.

Don't expect the same thing to happen in New York. State lawmakers overwhelmingly passed some of the toughest gun laws in the country in January of this year and the chance of repealing it looks slim to none.

Tom King, president of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, said the group's effort to stop the Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act from going into full effect has been "difficult." The group has spent $300,000 on a lawsuit that is still slowly winding its way through state district court. The suit seeks to stop the new laws.

"We're not running away from this fight, but it's tough, and you only get one chance, so we have to make sure that our case is just right," King said.

The law, which goes into effect in stages, has left New York gun owners frightened, he said. And it's also driven some people to leave the state.

51st state?

"People don't understand guns down there. [New York City] should be its own state."

Protester Bill Greames, 55

"A lot of people are plain moving out because people are fed up with their freedom being tampered with," King said, speaking of gun owners he's known.

The new laws have led to several gun-rights protests in Albany, including one organized by the NYSRPA in February, where more than 5,000 outraged New Yorkers gathered in front of the state Capitol to protest the SAFE Act, which Gov. Andrew Cuomo billed as imposing "the toughest assault weapons ban in the country."

In addition to requiring universal background checks on gun buyers and strengthening the penalties against people who use illegal guns, the bill placed a seven-round bullet limit on all weapon magazines.

The SAFE Act, like any large piece of legislation, is burdened with its share of pluses and flaws, though none is as emblematic as the seven-round limit that was placed on gun magazines.

Once a centerpiece of the act, the restriction has since been suspended — a move that was underlined by Cuomo's admission that "there is no such thing as a seven-bullet magazine. That doesn't exist."

As it stands, New Yorkers are allowed to purchase 10-round magazines, but they are then being trusted with the act of not loading those magazines to full capacity.

Standing on the lawn outside the New York Legislature on Feb. 28, beneath banners emblazoned with the Bushmaster AR-15, it becomes clear that the new laws represent a personal attack for some gun owners.

"It's a tool," says Chris Grady, a paramedic from Ithaca, N.Y., and AR-15 enthusiast, "a cool-looking tool. It's like having a pair of plain working boots or having a badass pair of Army boots. The AR-15 is badass, is what it is. But the gun wouldn't be any good for committing a crime." KIT DILLON, WITH REPORTING BY ZACH MAHERS

Common ground

There are aspects of the law that the protesters agree on, such as:

- Efforts to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill.
- Statewide gun permit recertification every five years.
- The closing of private sales loopholes except for immediate family.
- Stronger criminal penalties for using a weapon unlawfully.
- Better safe storage controls in households where an individual restricted from gun ownership also resides.

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Grad school means passion

Higher ed. Dr. Lee Skallerup, the professor and blogger behind College Ready Writing, says to choose your words (and your program) with care.

With an academic career, a blog and an active social media presence, professor Lee Skallerup is rarely at a loss for words. She started the blog College Ready Writing in 2010, and subsequently it became a part of the website Inside Higher Ed. Professor Skallerup gave us expert advice on choosing the right graduate program, and why writing poorly is like wearing sweatpants to a job interview.

Is your writing akin to lounge wear, or is it a three-piece suit? For grad school, make sure it's the latter. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Quoted

"You wouldn't wear sweatpants to a job interview. Make sure your writing is as professional as the clothes you wear for the job interview."

You blog a lot about how writing has given you a new perspective on academia. How is writing for graduate programs different than in other places?
One of the things that new grad students struggle with in transitioning from undergrad writing is that they really need to foreground their own ideas. Grad school is much more about being able to present your ideas and your own conclusions as they're informed by what you're reading and synthesizing. Students have to make that transition between summarizing what somebody else has done to coming up with and articulating their own ideas. But sometimes it doesn't happen until they're writing their dissertation or master's thesis.

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How do you know if a student is ready for graduate work?
There has to certainly be a passion for what it is they want to study. If they don't have a passion, they're never going to get through however many years of graduate school they have ahead of them. It's not just about the topic, it's also about the desire to find those conclusions, to find those ideas and have those epiphanies.

How did you know you wanted to go to graduate school?
I have a bachelor's degree in English, and there was so much more that I wanted to know about literature, because I had a feeling that there was more to know and I wanted to know it.

What's your advice for students looking at professional programs, MBA programs or law school?
You have to take seriously the word "professional" in that case. Every instance of your writing is an opportunity to show your professionalism. Pay attention to following directions [and] proofreading, but also pay attention to how you want to present yourself as a person.

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Advice

Do your research

"If you're considering grad school, research the programs, the faculty and the financial support that [it] typically offers. You want to work with somebody who is working in an area that you're interested in, that will work with you as well as for you."

Find the funds

"I don't think I can emphasize the funding enough. Student debt is an important consideration to students. Are they going to fund you? How much are they going to fund you? What's the cost of living in the place where you're looking to go? Make sure you know how you will pay for school."

Be a professional

"Always remember the person you want to present yourself as being through your writing. Your writing is how people will know you. The analogy I use with my students is that you wouldn't wear sweatpants to a job interview. Make sure your writing is as professional as the clothes you wear for the job interview. In a lot of cases, people will see your writing before they ever see you."

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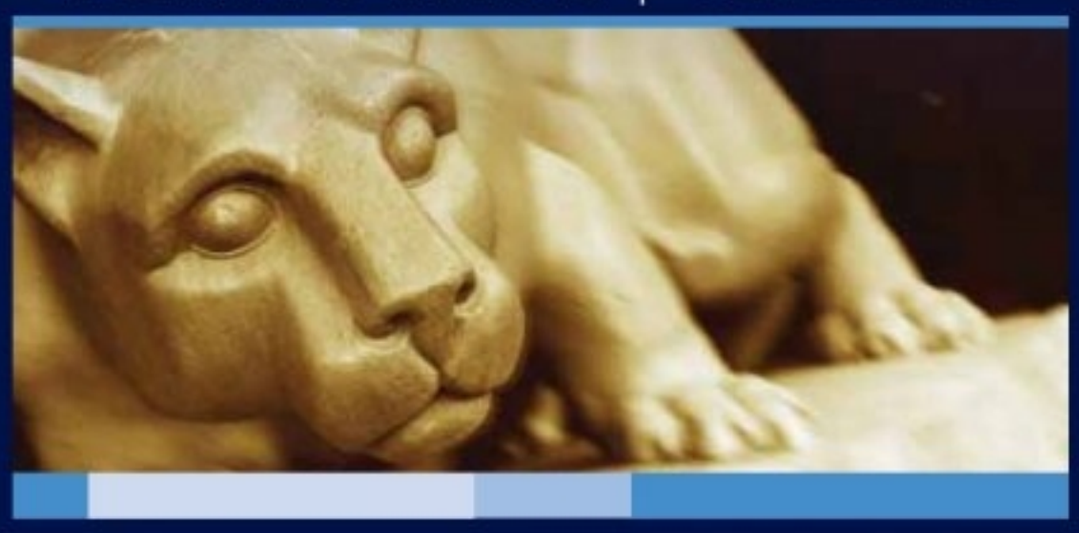

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Four questions to ask yourself when choosing a graduate school

Think hard. Digging deep before you begin will help you make the right decision.

You may or may not already have an idea of what your preferred career would be. The big "Where do I go from here?" question can be overwhelming, so start by reflecting on these questions.

1 Why do you want to be in a given profession? Many people ask themselves this question when their journeys become so stressful that they begin to doubt if they've made the right choices. The answer to this question is the key to keeping yourself motivated during the long nights of studying. Remember what attracted you to a certain program in the first place and what your chosen path can give you that others cannot.

2 Does your program of choice correspond with who you are? If you are a shy person, you probably don't want a career in the spotlight. Don't become a physician if the sight of blood makes you as queasy as it does your patients. But teaching biology or working as a scientist — those are other viable options. Your skills are also part of who you are, so use them to lead you in the right direction.

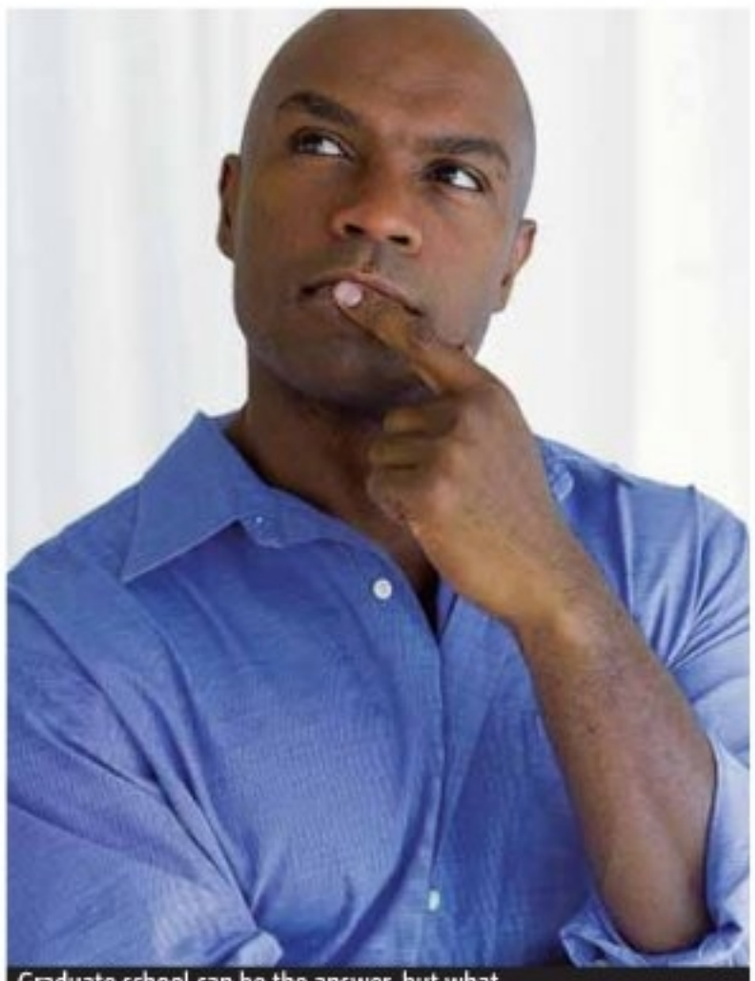
3 Do you know what your profession of interest is all about? Television shows are entertaining, but they often set unrealistic expectations about certain careers. Rather than blindly pursuing a career and living with the consequences, start doing research. Browse the Internet and read books by the leaders in your field. Talking with people in the industry is one of the best sources of information. Try asking your college career center to connect you with alumni who can give you a sense of what a particular graduate program or career is all about. Shadowing, interning and volunteering are other great ways to learn if a particular field is the right choice for you.

4 What are you willing to do to get there? You will invest years of your life and thousands of dollars to achieve your goals. Are you willing to commit to making those sacrifices? It might involve leaving your family, friends and hometown. It will definitely involve sleep deprivation and above-average levels of stress. Whether you're working while going to school or going full-time, you have to decide whether what you will be getting is worth what you have to give up. **TUEN MUN ONG**

Tip

On the money

One particularly useful source for information on financial aid can be scholarship websites. Once you sign up, you can use the search engine to locate scholarships, bursaries and other awards that match your profile.



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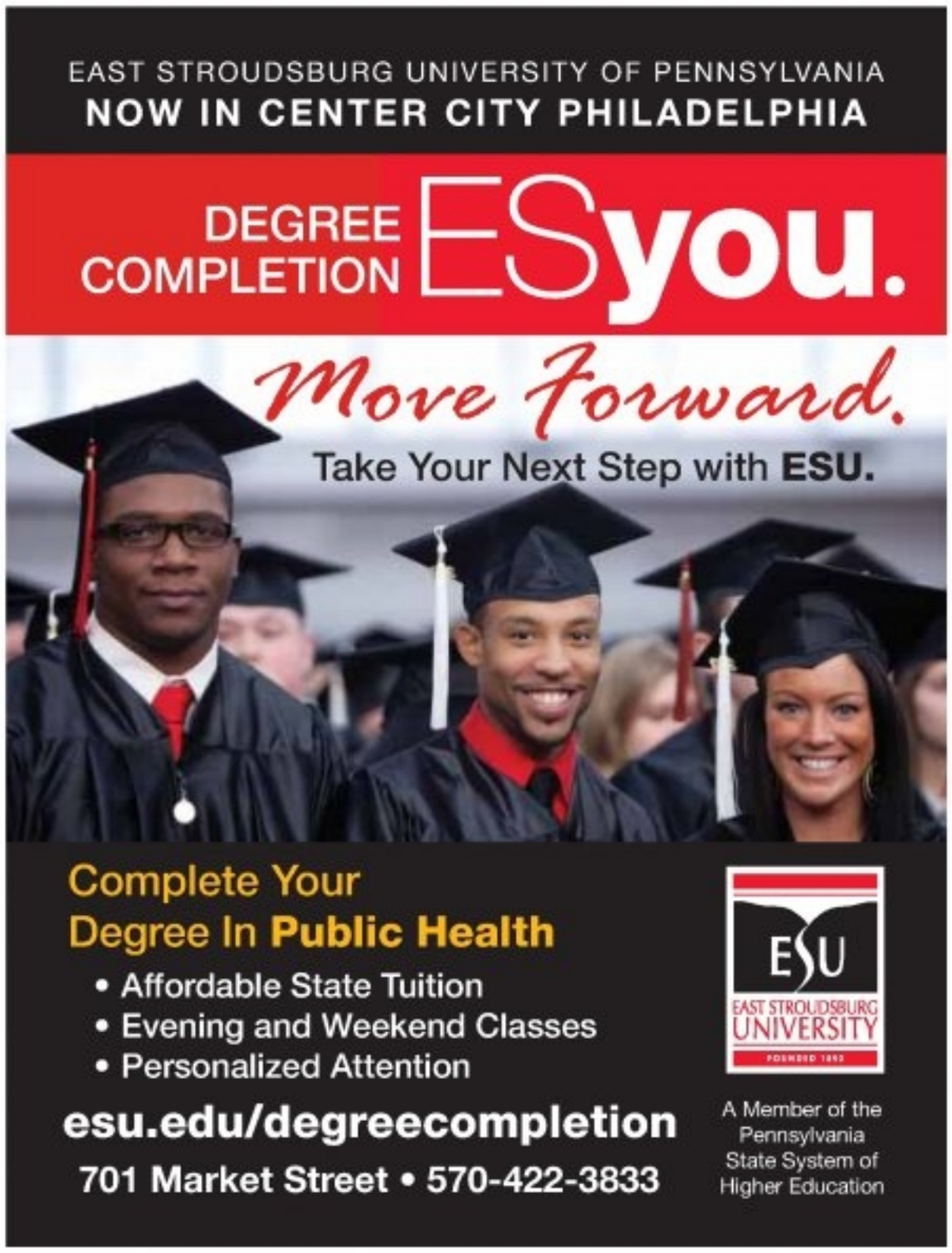
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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Chloe Grace Moretz is trying to bum herself out and Joss Whedon is a man of medicine.

@ChloeGMoretz: Hey guys gimme some suggestions on one of the darkest songs you know, really good dark song

@josswhedon: They call me "The Looove Doctor" because I can cure it.

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Emmys? What Emmys?

Catherine Zeta-Jones showed she didn't need to be Michael Douglas' arm candy for the Emmy Awards. While Douglas collected a statuette for his work in "Behind the Candelabra," his estranged wife made her first public appearance since they announced their separation, walking the red carpet in Qingdao, China, to celebrate the announcement of a new $5 billion film studio to be built there, according to TMZ. Douglas was gracious enough to mention her in his acceptance speech, saying, "I want to thank my wife, Catherine, for her support" while still sporting his wedding ring.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Why did Merrit Wever bolt at the Emmys?

Merrit Wever won Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Sunday night at the Emmys, and her acceptance speech was one for the books. "Thank you so much," she said. "Um, I gotta go." And then she went, as though the Emmy audience were a bad blind date and she was slipping out of a coffee shop.

What would lead an actress to shrug off her moment of glory without thanking everyone they'd ever met? Sounds like the "Nurse Jackie" star just had a good old-fashioned freakout. "It's hard to do those," she said backstage after the show, according to Variety. "I don't know how to feel yet. ... I have therapy next week."

Metro/Melinda Taub

One amazing Emmy after-party

Amy Poehler and Jon Hamm hosted what must have been the coolest party ever after Sunday's Emmy Awards. And all you had to do to get in was not win an Emmy.

OK, that's not all you had to do. Probably you also had to be their friend or something. Still, partying with them must have taken the sting out of their Emmy non-wins for stars like Aubrey Plaza, Elisabeth Moss and Zooey Deschanel. "I wanted a place where everyone can celebrate, because win or lose it's about moving forward and having fun while doing it," said Amy Poehler. The party was such a hot destination that the guest list even included winners, like Tina Fey, who won for Best Writing for "30 Rock" — but unlike losers, who got in for free, winners had to make a $1,000 donation to World Wide Orphans, according to E! Online. Aww, poor winners. Don't worry, guys, I'm sure you'll lose next year. *Metro/MT*

Talking point

Kunis and Kutcher's love goes way back

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher's former "That '70s Show" co-star Laura Prepon "wasn't surprised" when Kunis and Kutcher began dating last year, telling Us Weekly that it's "incredible" to see them together. In fact, she confirms that way back when they made their sitcom, Kutcher was actually Kunis' first kiss — on-screen or off.

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Red carpet trends.
Keeping it light at the 20 13 Emmy Awards

1 **Kate Mara**'s edgy white J.Mendel number highlights another of the night's big trends: sheer peek-a-boo details.

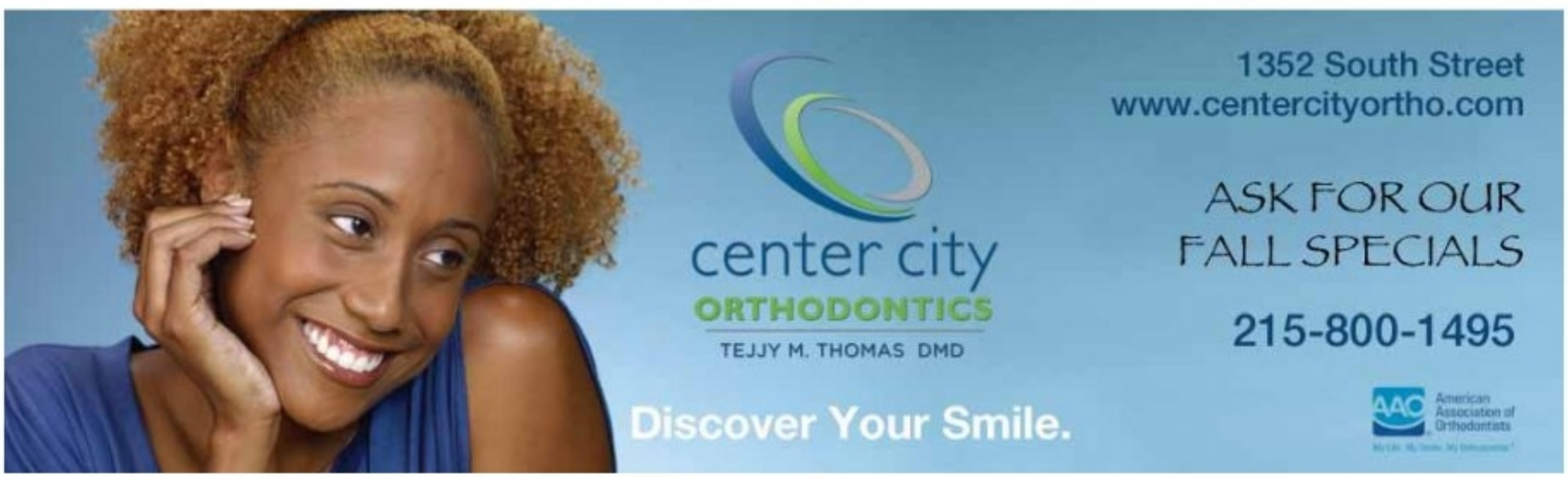
2 We could totally see someone walk down the aisle in **Malin Akerman**'s strapless pale blue Marchesa.

3 **Claire Danes**, our best dressed of the night, looked perfect in this ethereal ivory Armani Prive gown — a welcome departure from her usual sleek, minimal looks.

4 **Kerry Washington** might have lost in her category, but her romantic cream Marchesa gown full of floral appliques and shimmer was the stuff of fairy tales.

5 **Kristen Connolly**, in nude and silver Nicholas Oakwell, shows us that chevron isn't just for home decor.

6 We're glad **Taylor Schilling** didn't choose a boring mermaid gown and instead showed up in this white-hot Thakoon halter with a sexy sky-high slit. GETTY IMAGES



WALE
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‘If we ever made it big’

Rap. Two hip-hop heavyweights are finally touring together.

Wale wasn’t satisfied. Already a hip-hop heavyweight, complete with a Grammy nomination and a Soul Train award for 2011’s “Lotus Flower Bomb,” he felt the need to change his sound. Wale wanted to stand out in a crowded music scene.

“It was all about making a connection with my fans,” says the artist born Olubowale Victor Akintimehin.

His third studio album, “The Gifted,” was released in June, selling 158,000 copies in its first week. By July, Wale had edged out peers J. Cole and Kanye West for the top spot on the Billboard 200. “I showed a lot with this album,” Wale says. “A lot of music people didn’t think I had this kind of range.”

Now the D.C. native is on a nationwide tour with one of those peers.

“It was long overdue,” Wale says of joining forces with J. Cole on the What Dreams May Come Tour. “We used to talk like if we ever got a break, if we ever made it big, we would do this. We put out stuff before, but never on the level like we are now.”

On “The Gifted,” Wale draws on everything from blues and jazz to comedy. The last track features Wale and comedian Jerry Seinfeld discussing their upcoming project, “The Album About Nothing.”

If it seems like a weird pairing, it is. If it seems like a joke, it’s not. Seinfeld is a huge fan, and vice versa.

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The two linked up after a concert in Baltimore. Since then, they’ve been spotted hanging out in the studio together. Right here, in fact, at the famed Sigma Sound Studios.

But when you ask Wale who was the most exciting person he’s ever worked with, he doesn’t hesitate. “Rihanna,” he says. “She’s such a big star.”

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‘Control’

The Kendrick situation

Another of Wale’s peers, LA emcee Kendrick Lamar, caused quite the stir last month when he declared himself the best in the game.

Lamar put several rappers on blast, including Wale, whom he mentioned by name in a verse on Big Sean’s “Control.”

Wale wouldn’t comment on the verse. In fact, when the topic came up, he hung up on this reporter and ended the interview. However, he did note that he doesn’t really listen to his peers. He keeps his iPod tuned to the greats, like Biggie Smalls.

“I listen to the legends,” he says. “I try to learn from them. I don’t really pay attention to what’s going on now.”

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The 411 on the latest DVDs and Blu-rays

In his 1996 mock-doc "Forgotten Silver," Peter Jackson jokingly unearthed the work of a silent-era New Zealand pioneer who made major technological leaps (color, synch sound, etc.) years before the rest of the world. In reality, the nation has proven a surprising hotbed of great archival finds — many of them American. About 80 percent of our country's silent films are designated as lost, but some have cropped up in Kiwi collections, having journeyed well across the Pacific.

Fourteen of these have been made available in the DVD collection "Lost and Found: American Treasures from the New Zealand Film Archive," put out by the National Film Preservation Foundation. Almost all hail from the U.S. But the biggest find is British: "The White Shadow," now the earliest available film with a credit to Alfred Hitchcock — although only the first three reels have been found. Hitchcock was only its assistant director, but he claimed it was the first film he really got his mitts on — and it shows.

The set includes a complete feature from another major director: 1927's "Upstream," a backstage comedy from John Ford. His name tends to be synonymous with John Wayne westerns, like "Stagecoach" and "The Searchers," but "Upstream" shows he's nearly as comfortable in the theatrical world as he is among real men.

The majority of the disc boasts short work, and it's a well-curated lot that shows off the wide variety of entertainment from cinema's first three decades. There's a train movie — one of film's earliest popular genres — plus a cartoon, plus multiple comedies, including the earliest available film starring and directed by Mabel Normand, one of comedy's earliest female stars. With this set, there's a bit more light shed on a history largely in the dark.

Alfred Hitchcock was assistant director on 1923's once-lost "The White Shadow," which now exists in partial form.
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Also out

'Iron Man 3' Shane Black, the onetime hotshot screenwriter who penned "Lethal Weapon" and directed Robert Downey Jr. in "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," did his best to fun up this half-good threequel.

'Hannibal: Season 1' The latest attempt to wring cash from Hannibal Lecter has actually proven pretty rich, with Mads Mikkelsen as an appropriately charming aesthete who likes driving Detective Will Graham (Hugh Dancy) nuts.

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(But, remember, he wasn't always an old ugly man - once, he was just ugly)

Olivia Wilde was more than happy to show up for "Rush" — even if her part took only nine days to film — just to get a chance to be directed by Ron Howard. In the film, Wilde plays Suzy Miller, a high-society fashion model briefly married to Formula 1 driver James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth). That sounds like nice work if you can get it.

You don't get a lot of screen time to get this character across.
Yeah, she's there to serve a purpose — I think to show a bit of James Hunt's personal life, which was tumultuous. I loved the way that he charmed Suzy. She wasn't just impressed by his fame or looks, it was the way he approached her with such fearless romanticism. She's a really interesting woman. She remembers James very fondly, which was a big clue for me. I wanted to do justice to the love story that I believe existed between them.

You're playing a famous woman who has to deal with a lot of attention from the press and paparazzi, something you do quite well in your own life.
I try. Maintaining an outsider's perspective of it is important, understanding how odd it is and not letting it feel like a personal attack on you but understanding it as its own bizarre industry — and a necessary evil for certain parts of this job. But the darker side of that, the kind of stalking, is just strange. I think you have to maintain a sense of humor about it or you'll go crazy. I think I get it easier than a lot of other people, so I try not to complain. ... My hope is that with social networking and Facebook culture everybody's turning themselves into a celebrity, and maybe the complete lack of privacy for everyone will backfire and people won't support the industry that specializes in stalking.

That would be nice.
Yeah, it could happen. It's very weird, I've now developed a sense — I can hear a shutter from a really long distance. It would be wiser for them to have silencers because that's usually how I figure out where they are. It's an interesting thing, because if I'm with my sister I'll say, "Wait." I can hear it and she can't. I'm like a dog with a whistle.

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On set

Dreams of directing

"I made a short years ago, it was my first foray into it and it kind of gave me confidence to do it again in a bigger way," Wilde says of stepping behind the camera. "It let me know that I've never been happier than when I was on set directing. It just finally felt like I put on shoes that fit. I was determined to do it again."

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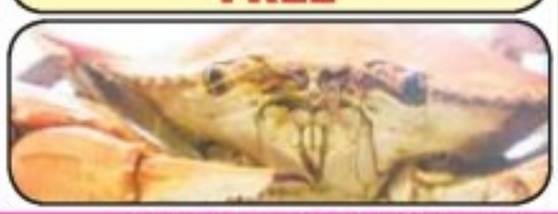

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A look back at Nickelodeon's 'golden age'

Dialogue. Author Mathew Klickstein interviewed hundreds of Nick insiders for dirt on every kid's favorite network.

Heidi Lucas (Dina) and Michael Bower (Donkey Lips) pal around on the set of "Salute Your Shorts," a show that almost never was. / COURTESY HEIDI LUCAS

Most kids watch Nickelodeon strictly for entertainment. But Mathew Klickstein wasn't most kids.

"I was just always very engaged in what was going on behind the scenes," says the author of the new "Slimed!: An Oral History of Nickelodeon's Golden Age." "I was almost custom-made to do this book."

Growing up, Klickstein was glued to his TV for now-cult classics like "Roundhouse" and "Double Dare." His passion for what he calls the "golden age of Nickelodeon" — roughly 1983-1995 — inspired him to "jump through a lot of hoops" to score interviews with some of his favorite TV stars of yore. Now, he even counts many of them, like "Double Dare" host Marc Summers, as friends.

Ironically, Klickstein doesn't watch any television these days, as he thinks the quality has gone downhill since his favorite Nick shows were on.

"You could tell immediately that you were watching Nick," he says. "[Their shows] looked different. They were doing something they just can't do now."

But not all of his feelings about TV have changed.

"I've given up in trying to pretend: My favorite shows were '[The Adventures of] Pete & Pete' and '[The] Ren & Stimpy [Show]' then, and they're 'Pete & Pete' and 'Ren & Stimpy' now."

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Quoted

"[Their shows] looked different. They were doing something they just can't do now." Klickstein, on the height of Nickelodeon's success

Secrets

3 things you didn't know about your favorite Nick shows

There wasn't much hooking up behind the scenes: "At the end of the day," Klickstein says, "(a) They were just kids who were all being very monitored, and (b) most of these shows were only on for a couple seasons — they were just rerun over and over again in syndication. The Midnight Society [from 'Are You Afraid of the Dark?'] did all those intros in a couple weeks, and then they were done. They weren't with each other long enough and they were always being broken up by adults."

Kenan and Kel no longer speak: "Kel was originally Kenan," Klickstein says, in the sense that Kel was originally the more successful of the duo. "Kel sort of shot forward and became a bit of a diva, and suddenly Kenan gets in with Bill Cosby and does 'Fat Albert,' now he's on 'SNL,' so he's the successful one. Kel's doing gospel Christian music now."

There almost wasn't a "Salute Your Shorts": The camp show was deemed "cookie-cutter" and "stereotypical" when the first pilot was written. "The original script was so bad that the VP of production, Geoffrey Darby, held it in front of the producer at the time and said, 'You know what I think about this?' And threw it in the trash. ... And basically they were like 'Please give us another shot.' And so Geoffrey Darby worked with them to completely rework the script."

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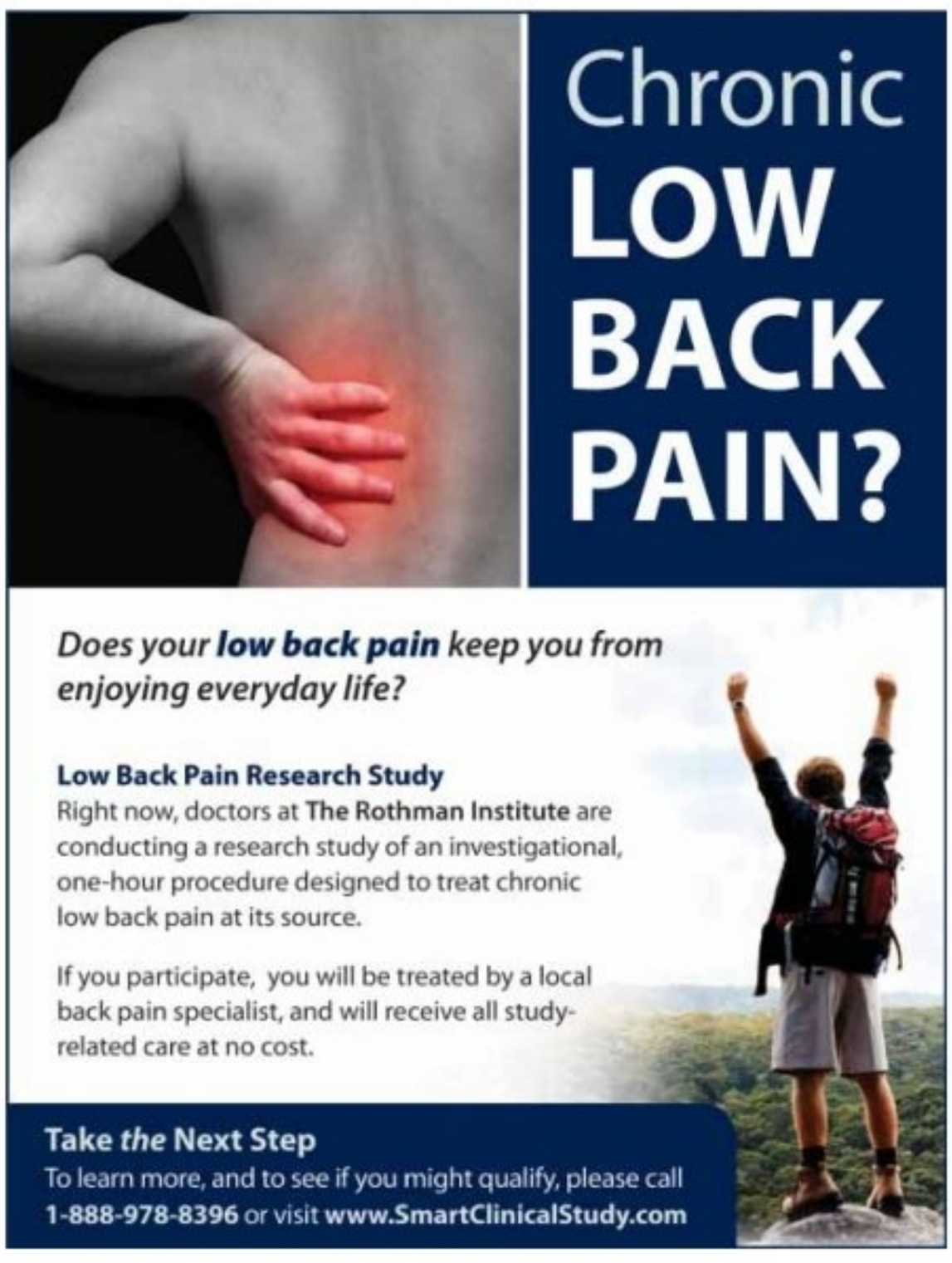
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Schmidt, far right, is the funniest gal on this show. / FOX

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'The Goldbergs'

This new sitcom will probably be stupid, but we're actually a little excited for it — if only for the awesome '80s nostalgia. The show follows a suburban family in the 1980s, based on home videos of creator Adam Goldberg's real-life family. **SERIES PREMIERE, 9 P.M., ABC**

COMEDY

'New Girl'

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Commodity hedge fund Clive Capital to close down

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Commodity hedge fund Clive Capital is to close down, blaming a lack of investment opportunities for its poor performance and investor outflows, making it the latest commodity fund to call it a day.

"We perceive there to be limited, suitable opportunities at this point in the economic-demand and the commodity-supply cycles to enable us ... to generate the strong returns of the past," Clive said in a letter sent out to investors on Friday.

London-based Clive, which was founded by Chris Levett in 2007 and ran about $5 billion at its peak, had made a name for itself as one of the biggest hedge funds trading in oil markets.

Levett's personal fortune is estimated by the Sunday Times Rich List at 250 million pounds ($400.9 million).

But Clive's fund has lost money in each of the past three calendar years and investors have headed for the exit.

The firm said in the letter, dated Sept. 20, that it had suffered "steady redemptions" in the last two years and that assets across the firm stood above $1 billion. It will return 98 percent of investor capital in October.

Elizabeth Holstein, head of investor relations at Clive, confirmed in an emailed statement that the company had sent a letter to investors informing them of its decision. She declined to comment further.

Clive's main fund is down 9 percent this year through Sept. 18, after losing 8.8 percent in 2012 and 9.9 percent in 2011. As recently as May, Clive managed $1 billion in the share class A of its main fund but this had dropped to $650 million by July, data seen by Reuters shows.

Levett's fund follows a raft of commodity managers to have closed in the last few years. Pierre Andurand's high-profile BlueGold shut down in 2012 after heavy losses, while John Arnold, who left Enron when it crashed in 2002 and made billions betting on natural gas prices, announced last year that he was closing his Centaurus fund.

The sector was once lauded for delivering big returns as managers rode the long bull run in commodity prices in the early and mid-2000s, but funds have struggled to make money amid falling prices and more volatile markets since 2009.

"It's been a tricky time for a lot of commodity funds, but they've had bad performance relative to several of their peers," said one funds manager, speaking on condition of anonymity. "There's been a really bad pattern of bad performance."

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On the decline

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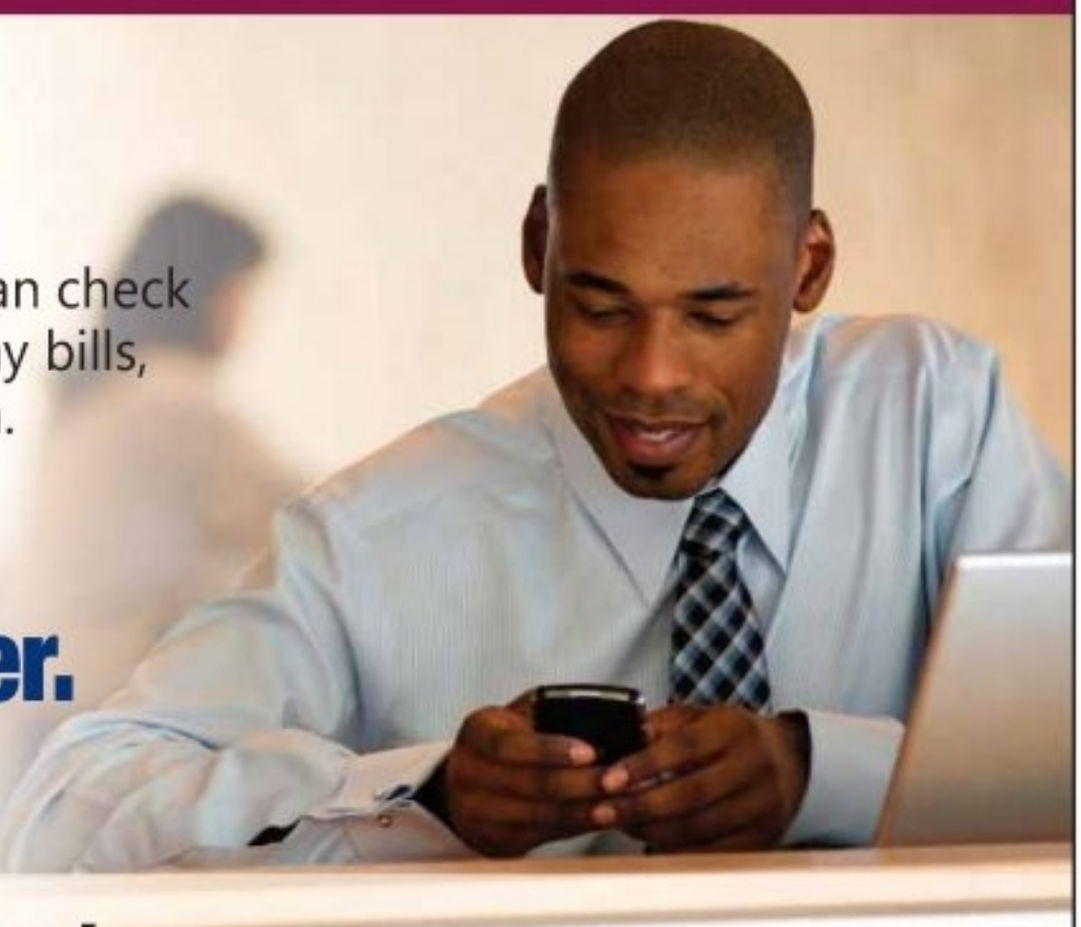

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2 Mineral Point, Wisc.

As a quintessential artsy town in Wisconsin's Driftless Area, Mineral Point's nine antique shops sell everything from antiquarian books (Foundry Books) to Native American textiles (Tunestam's Antiques). Handmade apparel is sold at Simply Scarfs and Artful Apparel. Knitters might enjoy dropping by Alpacas of Prairie Station or Red Horse Farm for fleece and yarn from local alpacas. A Wisconsin craft beer or wedge of artisanal cheese is available at several places, including Brewery Creek Brewpub.

3 Traverse City, Mich.

Among several wine-tasting rooms here is one owned by Madonna's family, Ciccone Vineyard & Winery. Downtown features 12 or so art galleries plus cute shops like Two Bays, with cool souvenir T-shirts. Fine dining is a stone's throw away, and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is just 25 miles west.

4 Woodstock, Ill.

With a downtown artfully arranged around a historic town square, it's easy to find crepes of many kinds (La Petite Creperie), a good read (Read Between the Lynes, a bookstore) or refurbished antiques (Rare Rubbish). If you think you've seen Woodstock before, you probably have: in the film "Groundhog Day," when the town morphed into Punxsutawney, Pa., during filming.

Five trends from Milan Fashion Week

You can always rely on Milan for two things: exuding luxury and being fashion month's halfway mark. The latter means we can move from tentative to confident in our breakdown of the trends for Spring '14. Despite the different scenes across New York, London and Italy's capital, discernable similarities have already emerged—so take note. **KIT GILBERT**

Skin is in

If there's one thing Milan has over every other fashion capital, it's sex. This season there were super-sheer garments, peek-a-boo cutouts and belly-grazing necklines. Gucci kicked this off with its very first look, featuring not only a see-through shirt but also a sheer bra.

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White is trending

The summer shade has been everywhere, including Jil Sander, Versace and Alberta Ferretti, who played on its more innocent connotations. Meanwhile, Costume National showed a more sensual take on the trend.

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The graphic print party continues

No one quite owns the idea of print-mixing like Prada and Marni, both of which showed stellar graphics that were as much about texture and color as they were about print.

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The shirt dress is a thing

The look has popped up all over the fashion circuit, from Alexander Wang in NYC to Paul Smith in London. Now it's made its way to Milan via No. 21 and Tod's, where embellishments and eyelets send this idea into more wearable territory.

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The bra top is the new crop top

As if the crop top wasn't taking flesh-flashing far enough, now the bra top has stolen its crown. In Milan, shows such as Emilio Pucci, Moschino and Dsquared2 were littered with them, featuring both jazzed-up prints and neutral shades.

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Fight. Gretchen Holt-Witt is the force (and mom) behind Cookies for Kids' Cancer.

"The thing that always amazes me is how fast Cookies has grown," says Holt-Witt, pictured with Liam in 2010. / PROVIDED

It's been six years since Gretchen Holt-Witt learned that her son Liam had pediatric cancer, five since she started her nonprofit against the disease — Cookies for Kids' Cancer — and two since we last spoke with her. A lot can happen in two years.

"It's a really good time to be talking, because we are about to make a decision where our 2013 grants will go," says Holt-Witt, who by day is the public relations director of baking products company OXO.

She lost her son to the disease in July 2011, but she's still fighting: Her organization, which encourages people around the world to host bake sales and other events to raise funds for pediatric cancer, has raised more than $7 million for the disease and funded six new treatment options for children.

Though pediatric cancer is the No. 1 disease killer of children in the U.S., Holt-Witt says she was stunned to hear her son's doctor's initial remarks.

"One of the first things that Liam's doctor said to me was that nobody cares about a kid who has cancer," she says.

But she realized something after that early conversation: "It's not that people don't care — it's that they don't know about the need. [People are eager to get involved] as long as you tell them what's needed and then give people something that they can do," she says.

And getting involved in the fight is as easy as pie — or cookies, for that matter. You can register your next bake sale, school dance, community race or other local event to benefit Cookies for Kids' Cancer at www.cookiesforkidscancer.org.

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Communication will be your ticket to information that can help you advance.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Get in touch with an old friend. The memories you share will remind you of something that will help prevent you from making a financial mistake.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Express your thoughts and follow through with your plans. An emotional situation may deter you. Assess the situation, make adjustments and disregard opposition.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Listen to what others say, but don't alter your plan based on hearsay. Make your decisions based on facts, as well as gut feelings.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Stick close to home. Fixing up your place will make you feel good and give you a reason to entertain.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Look over contracts, settlements or any personal information that can help you expand an interest or project. Leave time for romance.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Use your intelligence in the workplace today. Employing your skills diversely will create a stir.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Learn all you can. The more information you have, the easier it will be to impress your peers. A calculated, rather than unpredictable, approach will give an edge.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Emotions will escalate, causing uncertainty. Don't believe everything you hear. Go directly to the source. An unexpected event will be beneficial.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Live a little. Get out and enjoy new interests. Romance will develop if you make plans with someone special.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your ability to adapt will be crucial when dealing with an ongoing domestic situation. Someone you least expect will come to the rescue.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Mixed emotions are likely to confuse you. Rely on past experience and old friends. An unusual route will offer the best destination. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Letters

Sinecure you can believe in

Under President Obama, it is "do as I say not as I do." He has awarded more career politicians and campaign contributors ambassadorships than any past president. His promise of "Change you can believe in" is true. The 99 percent continue to get whatever crumbs fall off the White House table while the 1 percent benefit from special favors. These Obama treats include regulatory relief, tax code deductions, exemptions from Obamacare, contracts and political patronage jobs including plum assignments as ambassadors. The appointment of Carolyn Kennedy as ambassador to Japan is a quid pro quo for political support of the Kennedy family. During the 2008 Democratic Party Presidential Primary, at a critical moment, the late Sen. Ted Kennedy's and other family members' endorsement moved momentum away from former Sen. Hillary Clinton to Obama. President Obama's nose is longer than Pinocchio's!

LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

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8 "What's the big —?"
12 Distant
14 Bark, sometimes
15 Press
16 Concrete reinforcer
17 LP player (hyph.)
18 Daybreak, in verse
19 Gift
21 Kidded around with
23 Zig's counterpart
24 NYC opera house
25 Lamprey
26 Frolicked
30 Civilian dress
32 Goya's home
33 Use the mind's eye
37 Glen or dale
38 Bedouin's mount
39 No future — —
40 Leveled out
42 Craft knife (hyph.)
43 Adventure tales
44 Decree
45 Brewer's plant
48 Spoil
49 Md. neighbor
50 Like some battles
52 Roofed with straw
57 Wire thicknesses
58 About (2 wds.)
60 Bring cheer
61 Erelong
62 Not cluttered
63 Sofa
64 The boy— door
65 Garnet or ruby
66 Dennis, to Mr. Wilson

Down

1 Zinger
2 Helm position
3 Slow pitches
4 Castle defense
5 Noted groundhog
6 Skippy rival
7 Vindictive
8 Czar's parliament
9 Notched, as a leaf
10 Be in accord
11 Tennis standout Ivan —
13 Like popsicles
14 Thick carpet
20 Gob of bubble gum
22 Wonder Woman's friend
24 Thought on
26 Invitation letters
27 Fall birthstone
28 Actress — Powers
29 Devoutness
30 Plays charades
31 Trojan War story
33 Boast about
34 Andes empire
35 Rigatoni kin
36 School founded in 1440
38 Christmas fun
41 Tarzan's title
42 Like some films (hyph.)
44 Biologist's eggs
45 Half of Mr. Spock
46 Conjecture
47 Garden flower
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56 Soup-can flaw
59 Society column word

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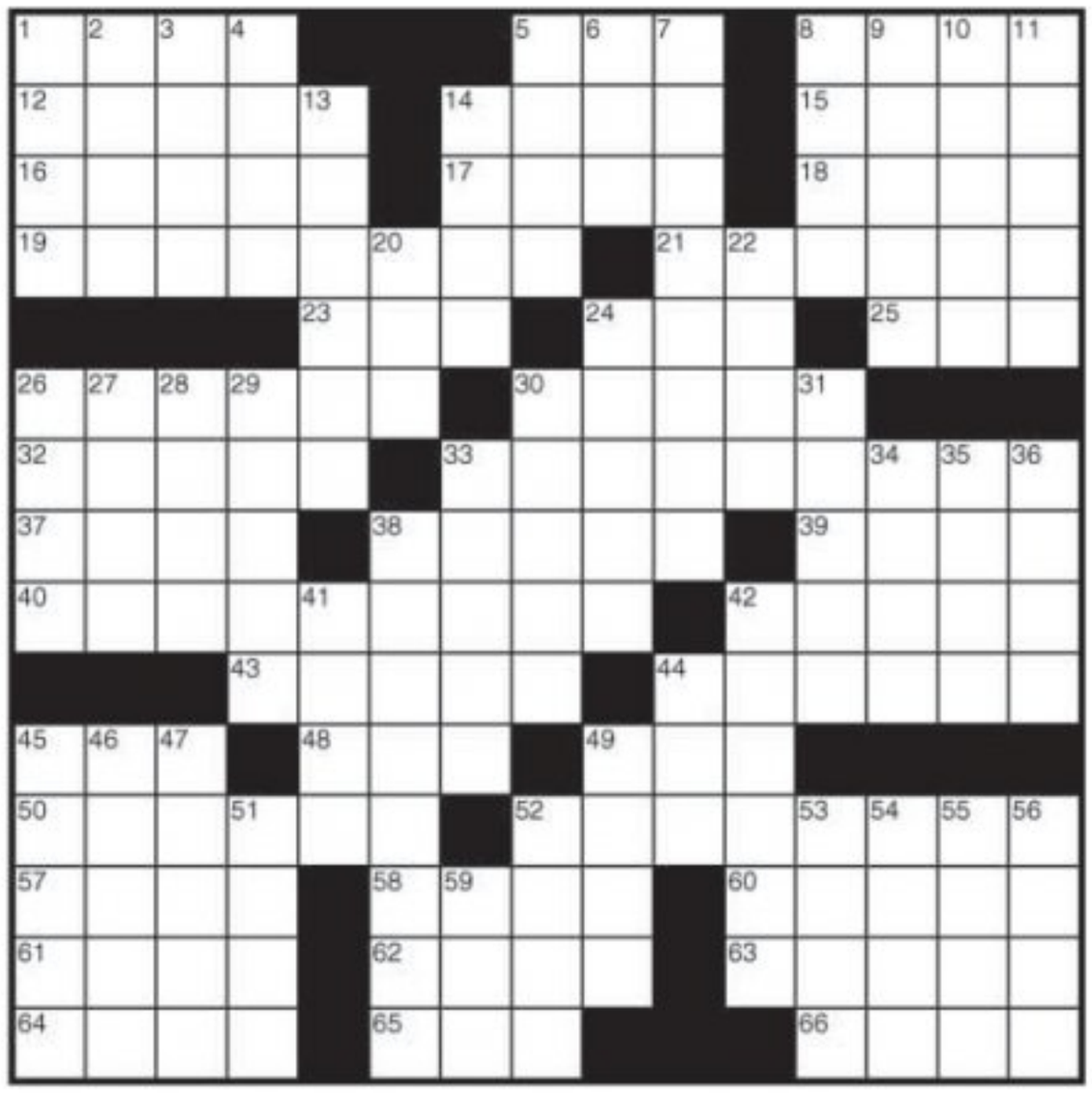

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3 SPORTS

Talking practice

Murphy back with Eagles

The Eagles made a minor move yesterday, signing rookie receiver Will Murphy to the practice squad. To make room, the team released offensive lineman Isaac Remington. Murphy, an undrafted free agent out of Oregon, caught three passes for 26 yards in the preseason.

REID'S DECEPTION ALWAYS TRUMPS HIS PERCEPTION

The voice of Philly sports

ANGELO CATALDI

Cataldi's take

Andy Reid never cared about that because the fans never represented anything more to him than a home-field advantage.

This is the most personal column I have written in my five years at Metro. It represents the feelings of no one but myself, and it is intended to sway none of the Eagles fans who cheered the return of Andy Reid. I offer it here simply to counteract his bogus story of triumph.

My deep dislike for Reid is the product of countless hours of watching him coach and — far more importantly — listening to him speak. My job at WIP radio requires a daily analysis of what the coach says, so I have heard every deception, absorbed every moment of disrespect, in Reid's long tenure.

Unlike the fans who stood and applauded Reid's return last week, I will never shake the indignities — the grotesque way he abandoned his greatest player here, Brian Dawkins, or the inhumane departure of his finest kicker, David Akers. Reid excelled at one thing in his time here: the ability to perpetrate a fraud.

And he did it again before and after Kansas City's 26-16 win over the Eagles, a return to Philadelphia that he insisted was just another game until he had won it. Then, his happy ending secure, he was free to kiss a reporter's head, gush over his sense of accomplishment and even revel in a Gatorade bath.

Four decades ago, I was trained at journalism school to value one thing above all others: the truth. Reid was an enemy to that commitment every day of his 14 years as coach. He was honest only when it served his own interests, constantly hiding behind his obligation to the players.

If Chip Kelly has proved anything in his short time here, it is that there is a way to remain loyal to the players and also maintain a respect for the fans. Andy Reid never cared about that because the fans never represented anything more to him than a home-field advantage, a soundtrack to his own success.

The greatest injustice in a week filled with them was the coach's latest fake conquest last Thursday, when Reid prevailed over the Eagles players he had selected with the ones he had inherited in Kansas City. To me, his victory simply reinforced how weak the team was that he left behind.

With the game still in doubt, Reid made a terrific play call on Thursday night. It was third-and 10 at his own 5-yard line, 10:10 left in a 7-point game, and the coach targeted safety Nate Allen — a second-round bust in Reid's putrid 2010 draft — for the first down that secured the victory.

For that play, Andy Reid was honored, but not by me. From my perspective, the only thing last week proved was that Andy Reid remains, above all else, a master of deception. Somehow, after all these years, people still think he is both a good coach and a good man.

Andy Reid never cared about the fans during his tenure here.
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Idle thoughts

Here are some things eating at Angelo Cataldi this week:

- Is it too soon to point out that Donovan McNabb gave one of the worst stadium speeches in Philadelphia sports history when his No. 5 was retired? OK, maybe he deserves a few more days of acclaim, but then can we finally turn the page on this awkward, strange man?
- Thursday Night Football is just another example of how greedy the NFL has become. The quality of play is terrible, the risk of injury is greater and the public hasn't embraced it the way it has every other game day. Can the NFL ever admit when it's wrong?
- Andrew Bynum told the Cleveland media that there is no timetable for his return from the same knee problems that kept him off the court here. He's wrong. There is a very distinct timetable. He will be back around Jan. 10, when his contract guarantees another $6 million. Bet on it.

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Cataldi. Chip Kelly would be wise to start shaping 2014 roster

One of Chip Kelly's first challenges is identifying who can help him turn around this rebuilding franchise, and who cannot. He is saddled with the unenviable task of undoing the many roster mistakes of general manager Howie Roseman and Andy Reid. So let's help him by removing some of the team's biggest problems.

First of all, safety Nate Allen needs to go. He is killing the defense with his failure to read patterns, pitiful ball skills and ineptitude in tackling receivers after they beat him. The biggest reason Kansas City outlasted the Birds on Thursday night was Allen's inability to cover Donnie Avery on crossing patterns. Goodbye, Nate.

His partner back there in the secondary, Patrick Chung, is also brutal. Chung can't tackle. He should be eternally grateful to Roseman for signing him to a free-agent deal. Now he should take his money and run.

On offense, there is one glaring move that must be made soon: Riley Cooper must be cut. The big question right now is, why is he still here? There are players on the taxi squad — Jeff Maehl, for one — who offer more promise as possession receivers, without the racial baggage Cooper is carrying. Good riddance, Riley.

Cut Nate Allen now.
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Soon to join these underperformers on the endangered-species list should be kicker Alex Henery, who is better at getting called for penalties and flubbing fumbles than kicking straight; Damaris Johnson, who appears equally inept at returning kicks and punts; and — surprisingly — guard Todd Herremans, who has played so badly the last two games, he is making people forget Danny Watkins.

It is painfully clear that none of the above names will be around when and if Kelly ever returns the Eagles to respectability. How soon the new coach is willing to make these sacrifices will reveal a lot about him. ANGELO CATALDI

NBA

Shaq buys stake in Kings

Shaquille O'Neal bought a small share of the Sacramento Kings.

O'Neal was introduced as part of the franchise's new ownership group. He was brought in to mentor center DeMarcus Cousins. METRO

NFL

Smith out indefinitely

Aldon Smith has been excused indefinitely after being arrested on suspicion of DUI.

The 49ers linebacker apologized and will seek treatment. Smith had a franchise-record 19 1/2 sacks last season. METRO

Soccer

AC Milan star banned

Italian soccer star Mario Balotelli was banned three matches after insulting a referee.

The AC Milan star received two yellow cards in Sunday's match. The club is expected to appeal the suspension. METRO

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Opinion

If you can't stand the heat, then get out of Philadelphia

The assault never ends. Philadelphia sports fans consistently pass every national test with their class and passion, as they did last Thursday night in honoring Andy Reid and Donovan McNabb. But huge attendance numbers, big TV ratings and skyrocketing franchise values mean nothing to the critics.

Last week, those critics included former ace pitcher Roy Halladay and former Eagles trainer Rick Burkholder, both of whom lamented the demanding nature of the fans here.

Halladay should know better because he forced a trade from Toronto to Philadelphia to channel the passion of our city, or so he said at the time four years ago. Now he's whining that it's difficult to rehab his aging right arm while

Roy Halladay is having a hard time dealing with scrutiny now. /GETTY IMAGES

Just sayin'

Does Roy Halladay's $20 million salary include a provision for privacy too?

under the scrutiny of the public. Really? Does his $20 million salary include a provision for privacy too?

Burkholder, a longtime lapdog for Andy Reid during their 14 years together here, took his loyalty to a new level when he said Reid "won 10 games for 10 years in Philly basically and, still in the end, it wasn't enough." Very true. In 14 tries, Reid never won the Super Bowl. Why is that so unreasonable?

Halladay and Burkholder need to spend more time examining themselves instead of the fans. What they need to realize is that Philadelphia is only too demanding to sports figures who don't demand enough of themselves. ANGELO CATALDI

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Rollins re-energized under new manager

MLB. The Phillies shortstop appears to be hustling more and still playing great defense as he nears 35 years old.

Thirteen years later, Jimmy Rollins can still play a stellar shortstop. / GETTY IMAGES

Ryne Sandberg has lit a fire under Jimmy Rollins. When Rollins hit a routine fly ball against the Mets Sunday, the old J-Roll might not have been flying up the first-base line and would have settled for a single.

Rollins 2.0 hustled to second for a double. Rollins, who was benched time to time by former manager Charlie Manuel for lack of hustle, isn't just running harder. The veteran shortstop has played his best in 2013 since Sandberg took over.

The Phillies' catalyst has just six homers and 60 runs scored. However, Rollins has a .873 on-base, plus-slugging percentage in September.

"It hasn't been the best season for me or the team, but I'm trying to do my best," Rollins said.

Rollins has been stellar in the field, which many Phillies fans may take for granted since he's been an exceptional shortstop since he made his debut in 2000. Rollins made an unbelievable play behind Cliff Lee against the Marlins last week. Rollins ranged to his left in short left and threw a runner out by somehow firing a seed while off-balance.

"That was just amazing," Lee said. "Jimmy is an incredible shortstop. A pitcher has no problem pitching to contact with Jimmy out there."

Sandberg has been impressed with Rollins' hustle and approach at the plate.

"I see a different mindset as far as hitting line drives," Sandberg said. "He's using the whole field."

That's good news. Rollins, who will turn 35 in November, is under contract for 2014.

"I like what I see in the young guys," Rollins said. "They have talent and they hustle. It'll be interesting to see what happens next year."

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"We are excited to announce a four-year agreement to play Rutgers in football starting in 2020," said Temple's interim director of athletics Kevin Clark. "This is a great series for fans of both teams, and it will continue a geographic rivalry, which is big part of our scheduling philosophy."

Temple has renewed a rivalry.
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The agreement begins with Rutgers hosting Temple on Sept. 19, 2020. METRO

Blues

Morrow inks one-year deal

St. Louis signed forward Brenden Morrow to a one-year deal.

Morrow was an unrestricted free agent. METRO

Sharks

Torres out six weeks

San Jose forward Raffi Torres is out for six weeks after tearing his ACL.

There were no immediate plans for surgery. METRO

Maple Leafs

Leafs sign Raymond

Toronto inked Mason Raymond to a one-year contract.

Raymond had been on a pro tryout. METRO

Giroux not rushing back for preseason

NHL. The Flyers' captain is making progress, but it sounds unlikely he'll play tonight.

Claude Giroux wants to play tonight against the Devils. He's just not sure if he'll be allowed to take the ice.

The Flyers' captain is recovering from hand surgery, and while Giroux has been firing pucks on net, the coaching staff will be extra cautious with him.

Giroux raised hopes this past weekend when he told reporters that he thought he would give it a go against New Jersey. Yesterday, Giroux preached patience.

"If this was the regular season, I'd have been playing a long time ago," Giroux said. "It's just making sure it's 100 percent. We still have a week and half before the season, and I'd be not smart just to rush it."

The Flyers have three preseason games remaining, including a home date tonight (7 p.m., TCN). The Orange and Black open the regular season on Oct. 2.

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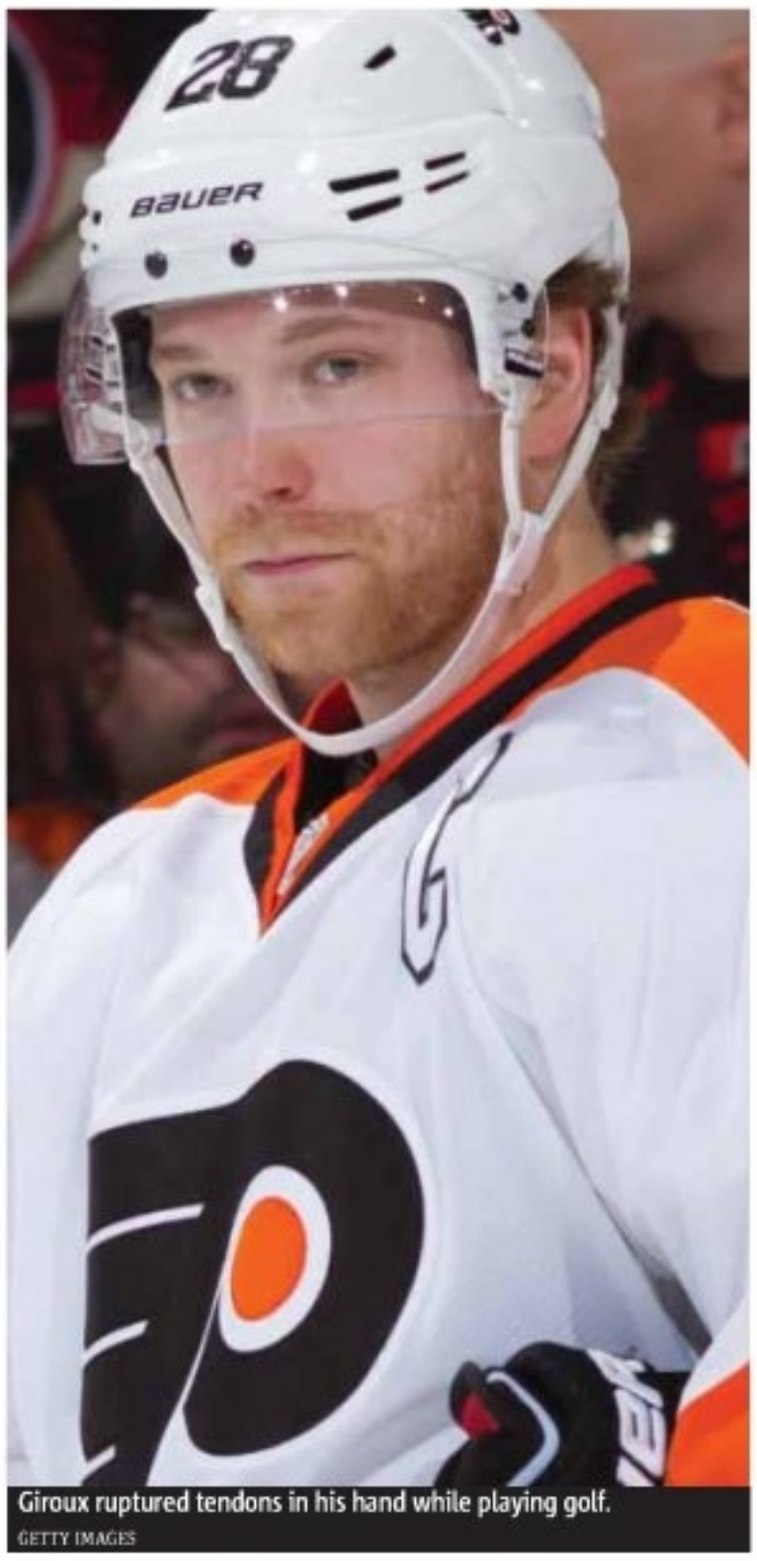
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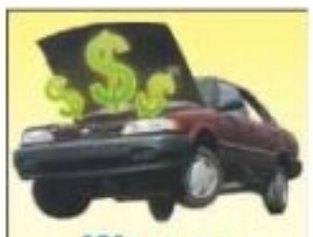

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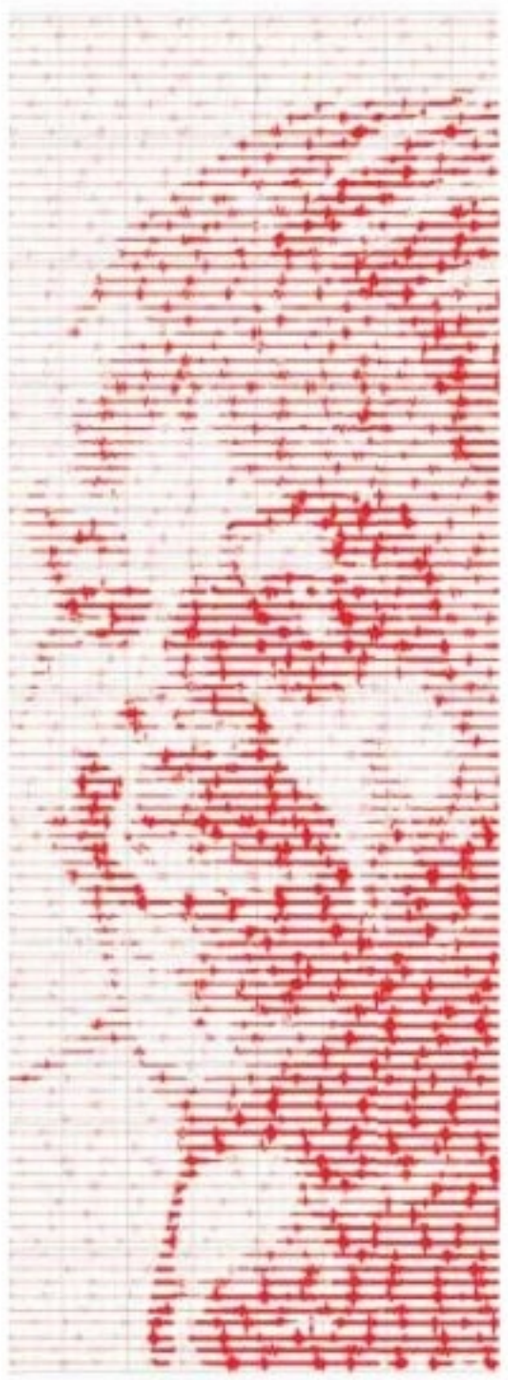

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